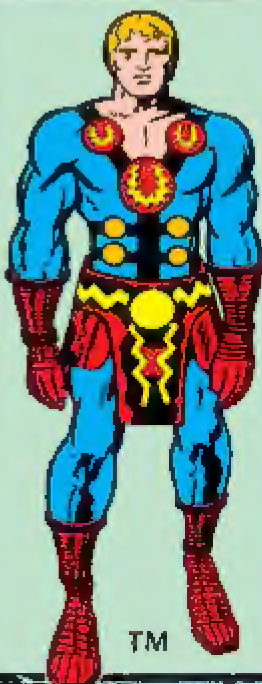
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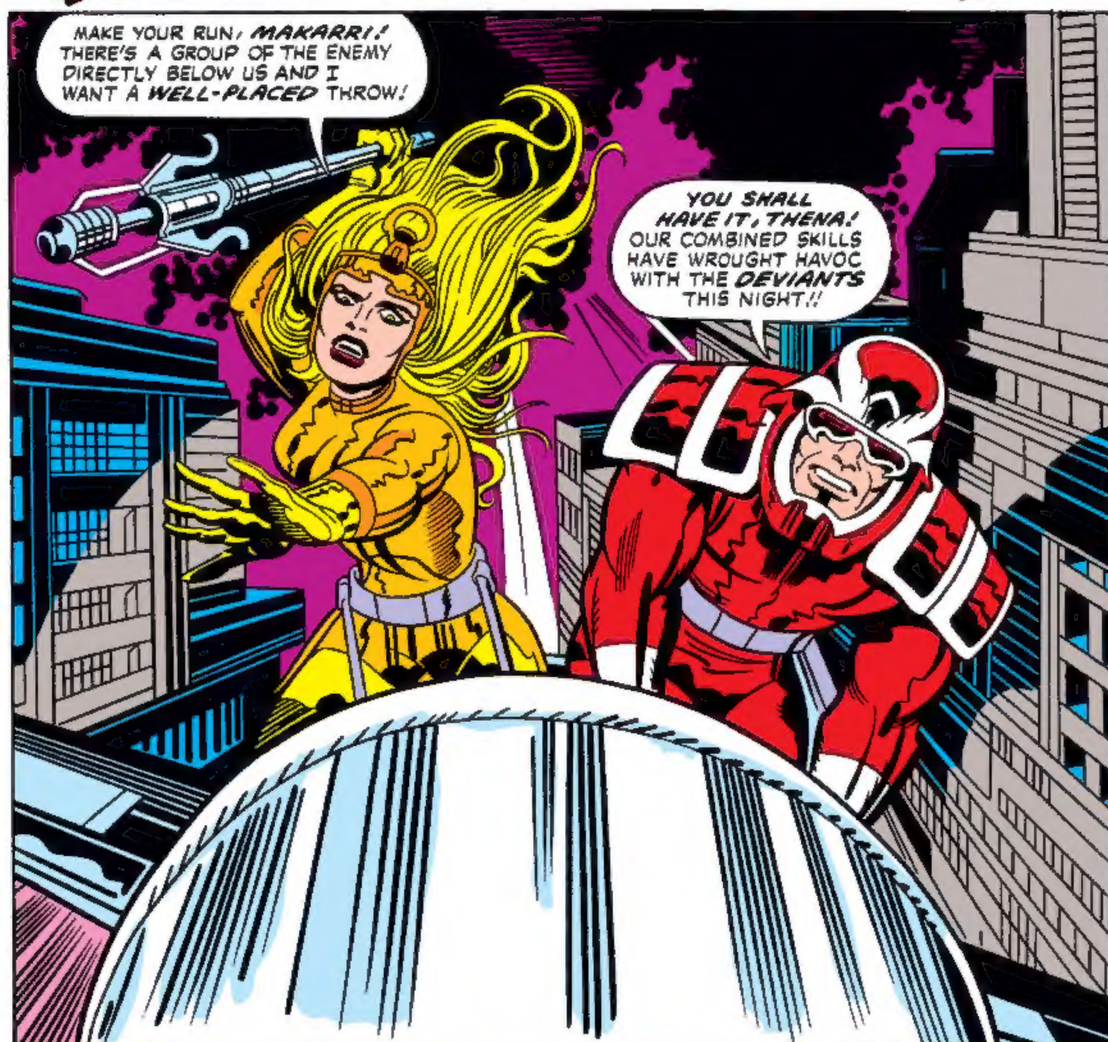
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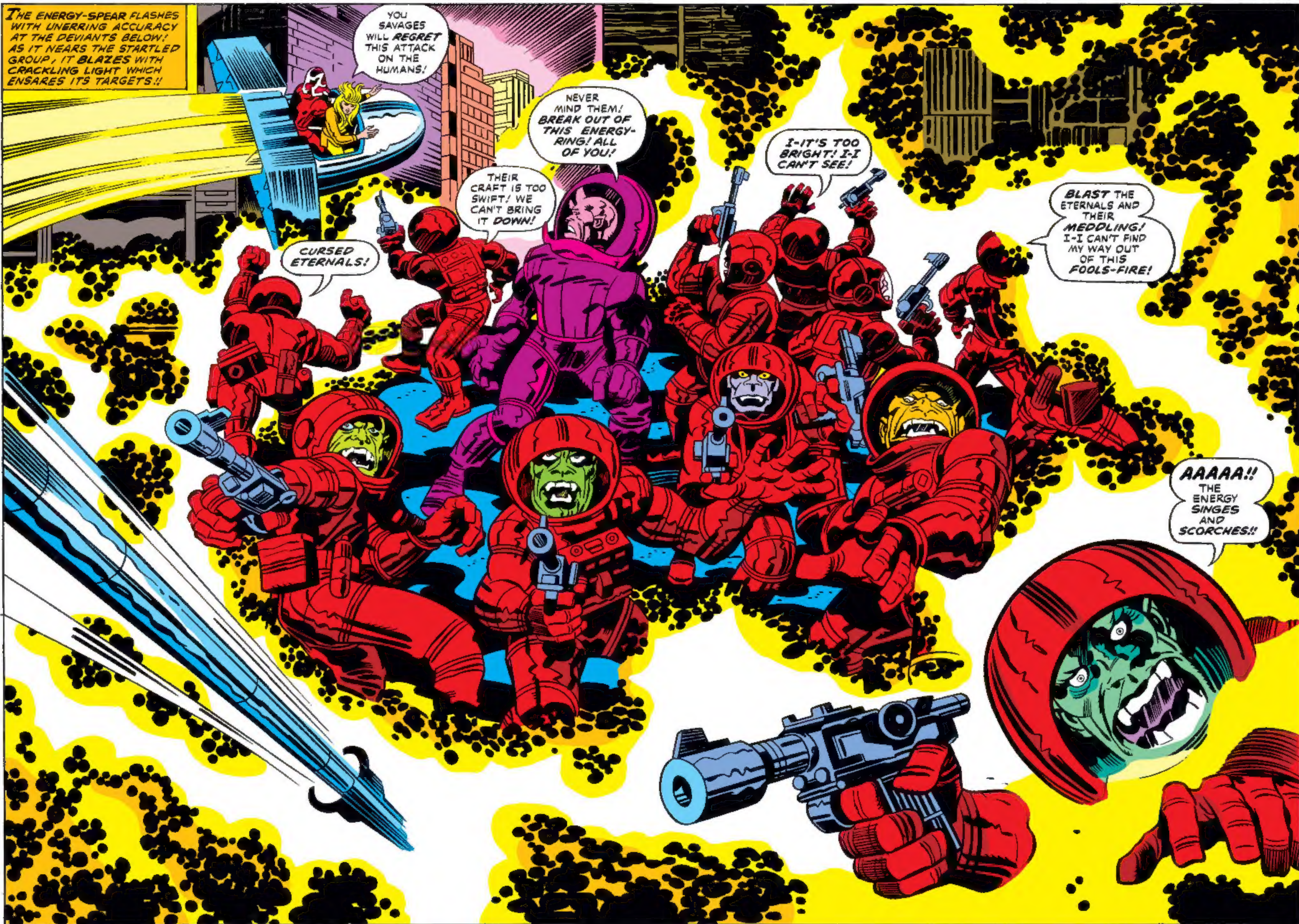
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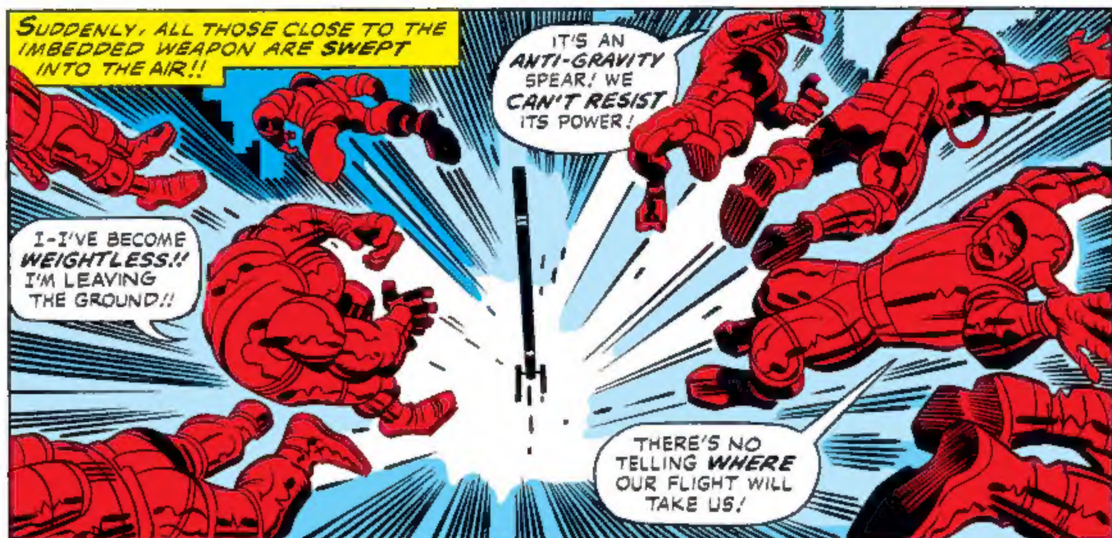
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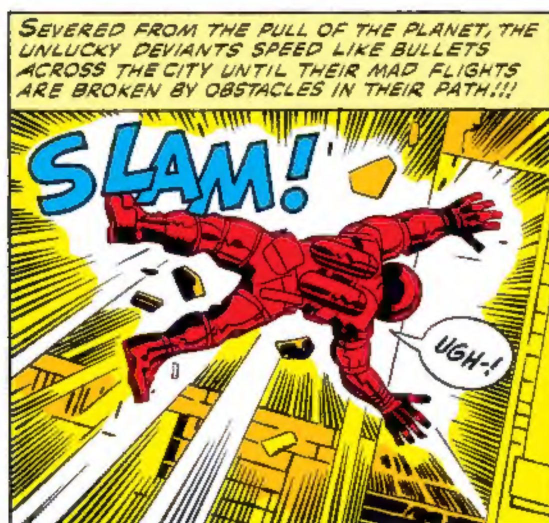


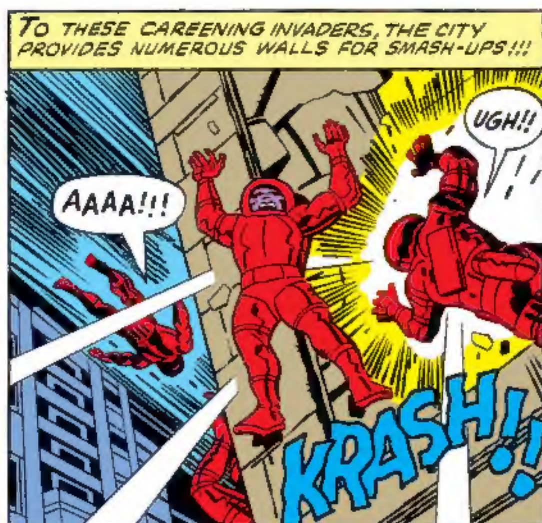
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THE ENERGY-SPEAR FLASHES WITH UNERRING ACCURACY AT THE DEVIANTS BELOW! AS IT NEARS THE STARTLED GROUP, IT BLAZES WITH CRACKLING LIGHT WHICH ENSARES ITS TARGETS!!
YOU SAVAGES WILL REGRET THIS ATTACK ON THE HUMANS!
NEVER MIND THEM! BREAK OUT OF THIS ENERGY-RING! ALL OF YOU!
THEIR CRAFT IS TOO SWIFT! WE CAN'T BRING IT DOWN!
CURSED ETERNALS!
I-IT'S TOO BRIGHT! I-I CAN'T SEE!
BLAST THE ETERNALS AND THEIR MEDDLING! I-I CAN'T FIND MY WAY OUT OF THIS FOOLS-FIRE!
AAAAA!! THE ENERGY SINGES AND SCORCHES!!

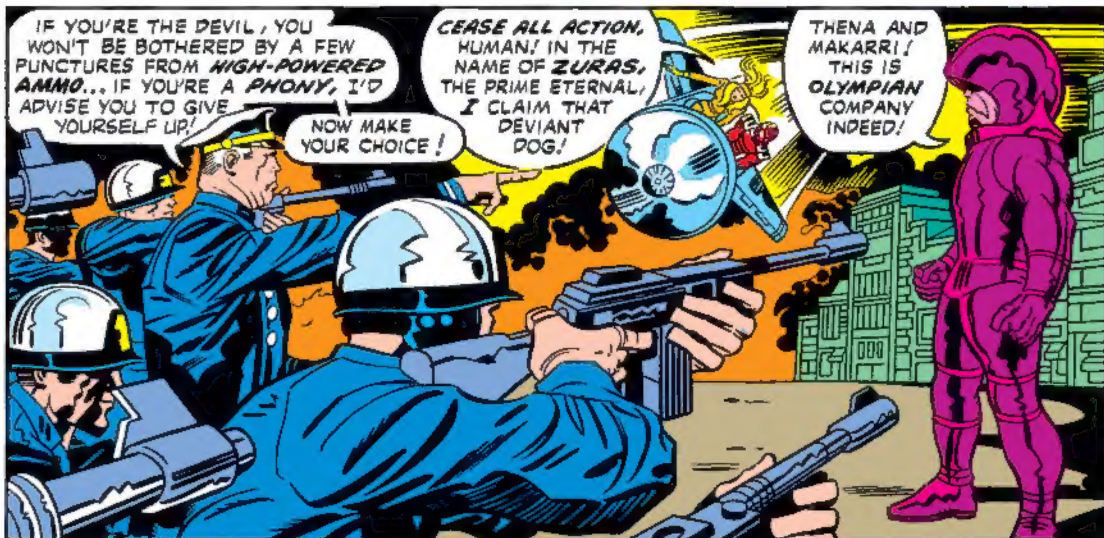

SUDDENLY, ALL THOSE CLOSE TO THE IMBEDDED WEAPON ARE SWEPT INTO THE AIR!!
IT'S AN ANTI-GRAVITY SPEAR! WE CAN'T RESIST ITS POWER!
I-I'VE BECOME WEIGHTLESS!! I'M LEAVING THE GROUND!!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE OUR FLIGHT WILL TAKE US!

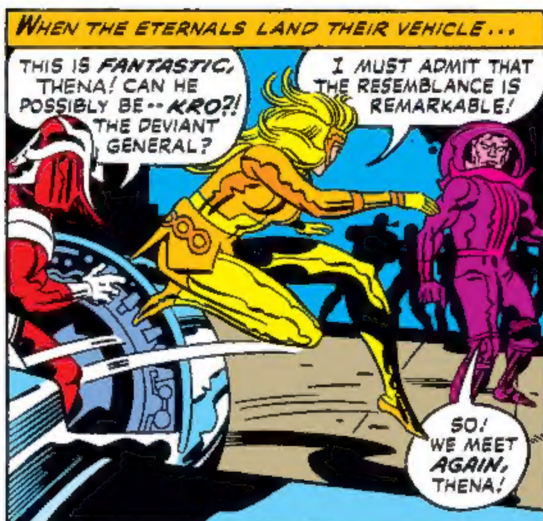

SEVERED FROM THE PULL OF THE PLANET, THE UNLUCKY DEVIANTS SPEED LIKE BULLETS ACROSS THE CITY UNTIL THEIR MAD FLIGHTS ARE BROKEN BY OBSTACLES IN THEIR PATH!!!
SLAM!
UGH-!

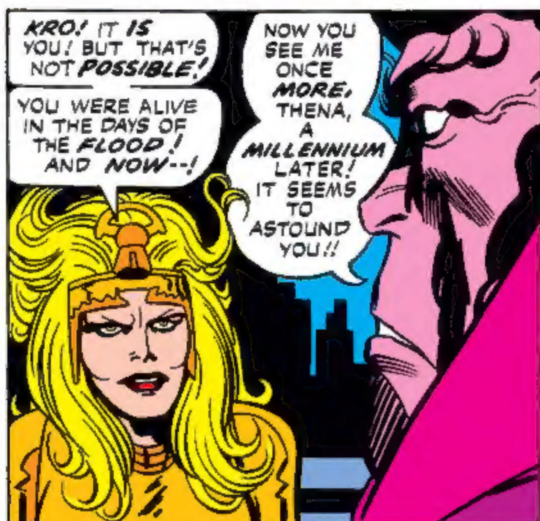

TO THESE CAREENING INVADERS, THE CITY PROVIDES NUMEROUS WALLS FOR SMASH-UPS!!!
AAAA!!!
UGH!!
KRASH!!

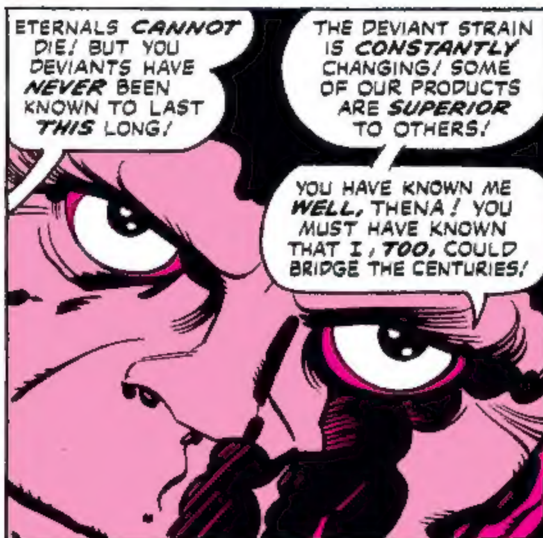

EVERYWHERE, THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THE CRIES OF HIS STRICKEN FOLLOWERS REACH OUT TO A LEADER DEAF TO THEIR PLEAS...
SAVE US, GREAT KRO! WE CANNOT MOVE OR FIGHT!!
SEND US AID!!


THE DEVIANTS, AS A SPECIES, ARE NOT KNOWN FOR THEIR BROTHERLY CONCERN. KRO MAKES NO FURTHER MOVE TO REGROUP HIS FORCES. HIS MIND IS ABSORBED WITH THE ATTACKING ETERNALS.
THIS DUDE'S LOST SOME FIREPOWER INSPECTOR!! WE'RE READY TO TAKE HIM!
HAHAHAHAH! TAKE THE DEVIL? BEWARE, MORTAL!!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR "DEVIL AND MORTAL" TALK!


IF YOU'RE THE DEVIL, YOU WON'T BE BOTHERED BY A FEW PUNCTURES FROM HIGH-POWERED AMMO... IF YOU'RE A PHONY, I'D ADVISE YOU TO GIVE YOURSELF UP!
NOW MAKE YOUR CHOICE!
CEASE ALL ACTION, HUMAN! IN THE NAME OF ZURAS, THE PRIME ETERNAL, I CLAIM THAT DEVIANT DOG!
THENA AND MAKARRI! THIS IS OLYMPIAN COMPANY INDEED!


WHEN THE ETERNALS LAND THEIR VEHICLE...
THIS IS FANTASTIC, THENA! CAN HE POSSIBLY BE--KRO?! THE DEVIANT GENERAL?
I MUST ADMIT THAT THE RESEMBLANCE IS REMARKABLE!
SO! WE MEET AGAIN, THENA!

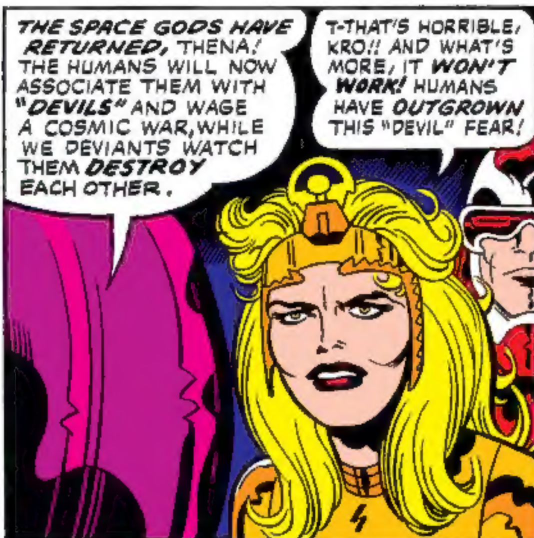

KRO! IT IS YOU! BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
YOU WERE ALIVE IN THE DAYS OF THE FLOOD! AND NOW--!
NOW YOU SEE ME ONCE MORE, THENA, A MILLENNIUM LATER! IT SEEMS TO ASTOUND YOU!!


ETERNALS CANNOT DIE! BUT YOU DEVIANTS HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO LAST THIS LONG!
THE DEVIANT STRAIN IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING! SOME OF OUR PRODUCTS ARE SUPERIOR TO OTHERS!
YOU HAVE KNOWN ME WELL, THENA! YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT I, TOO, COULD BRIDGE THE CENTURIES!


BE THAT AS IT MAY! MY WORK HERE IS DONE! I'M CERTAIN THAT THE HUMANS HAVE TAKEN THE BAIT!!
THE BAIT? WHAT HAVE YOU PLANTED IN THEIR MINDS, KRO!?



DON'T YOU SEE, THENA? HE'S GROWN HORNS!
THE "DEVIL" GAME! A FAVORITE DEVIANT PASTIME!
TRUE! IT'S NEVER FAILED TO AROUSE THE HUMANS TO FURY!



THE SPACE GODS HAVE RETURNED, THENA! THE HUMANS WILL NOW ASSOCIATE THEM WITH "DEVILS" AND WAGE A COSMIC WAR, WHILE WE DEVIANTS WATCH THEM DESTROY EACH OTHER.
T-THAT'S HORRIBLE, KRO!! AND WHAT'S MORE, IT WON'T WORK! HUMANS HAVE OUTGROWN THIS "DEVIL" FEAR!



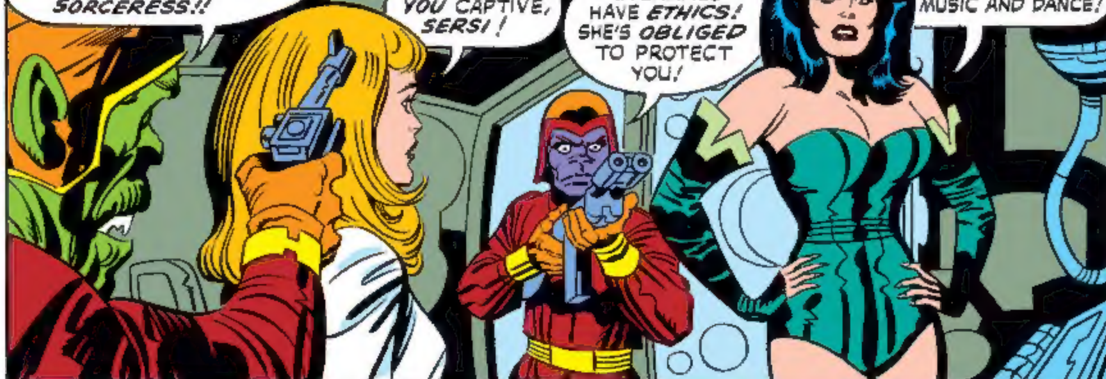
AH, BUT IT WILL WORK, MY DEAR! AND TO PROVE IT, I SHALL CALL A TRUCE ON ANY TERMS YOU WISH!!
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE! IT IS KNOWN TO ME THAT YOU HOLD AN ETERNAL CAPTIVE! RELEASE HER AND ALL OTHERS TAKEN IN YOUR RAID!!



IT SHALL BE DONE AT ONCE, FAIR ONE!
GET THAT, INSPECTOR -- DEVILS, DEVIANTS, ETERNALS--! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?
IT MEANS DON'T MAKE ANY HASTY MOVES! SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT WERE NOT UP AGAINST THE FOLKS NEXT DOOR!
BUT, WE JUST CAN'T--!

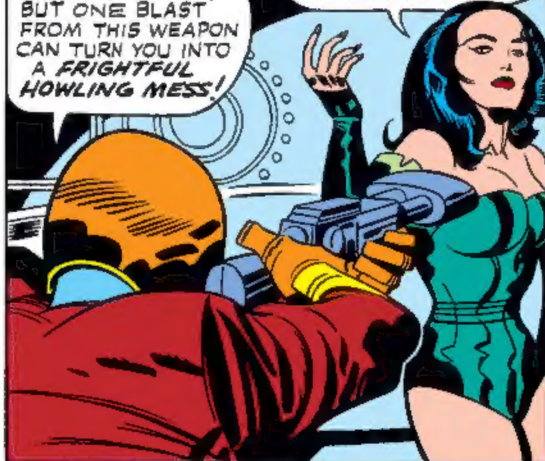


WE'RE NOT COOLING OUR HEELS, HOGAN! CONTACT THE COMMISSIONER AND REPORT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE
TELL HIM THAT THE FIGHTING IS AT AN END--! AND TO PREPARE TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!


MEANWHILE, IN A SECURITY CHAMBER ABOARD THE RAIDING CRAFT...
THE HUMAN FEMALE DIES IF YOU SHOW THE SLIGHTEST SIGN OF PULLING ONE OF YOUR MYSTIC TRICKS, SORCERESS!!
I-I'M SORRY THAT THE DEVIANTS ARE USING ME TO KEEP YOU CAPTIVE, SERSI!
ETERNALS HAVE ETHICS! SHE'S OBLIGED TO PROTECT YOU!
OH, SHUT UP! I'M BORED WITH THE LOT OF YOU!! EVEN ATTILA THE HUN WAS MORE ENTERTAINING. HE BEHAVED LIKE A SLOB, BUT AT LEAST HE LIKED MUSIC AND DANCE!


REALLY, SERSI! THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME--!
OH, BLAH!! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MAKING THE MOST OF ONE'S TIME!! YOU'RE ONLY MARGO DAMIAN, A SILLY LITTLE HUMAN WHO WILL PROBABLY BE OLD AND BENT BEFORE SHE LEARNS THE JOY OF LIVING!


ETERNALS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE THE ACCUMULATED KNOWLEDGE OF CENTURIES OF LIVING WE LOVE A GOOD LAUGH -- EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF THIS KIND OF DUM-DUM!!
EEEYOW! OW!!


FOUL ETERNAL FEMALE!! YOU CAN'T BE KILLED, BUT ONE BLAST FROM THIS WEAPON CAN TURN YOU INTO A FRIGHTFUL HOWLING MESS!
OH, MY! LISTEN TO THE CHARMING LITTLE TRIGGER-MAN!!


BE MY GUEST, GUN-HAPPY! FIRE AWAY--! IF IT TURNS YOU ON!
I-I CAN'T! MY FLAME-RIFLE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO SOFT RUBBER!
THIS IS YOUR DOING, WITCH!! IT IS KNOWN THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO REARRANGE THE MOLECULES OF ANY OBJECT!

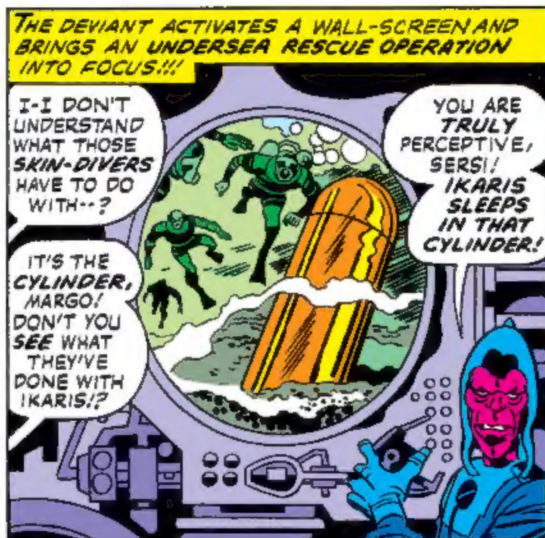
SERSI'S PRANK SUCCEEDS IN SHAKING UP BOTH DEVIANT GUARDS...
THAT WAS A FOOLHARDY MOVE, ETERNAL! I'LL KILL HER BEFORE YOU CAN CHANGE THIS WEAPON!!
HORRID LITTLE BEAST! YOU CAN'T SINGE DANDRUFF WITH THAT PISTOL! WHY DON'T YOU INSPECT IT!!

AS THE GUARD APPREHENSIVELY TESTS HIS WEAPON, THE BARREL SUDDENLY SPROUTS TENTACLES WHICH SEIZE THE DEVIANT AND TRAP HIS FACE IN A CAGE OF STEEL!!!
AAAAA!!

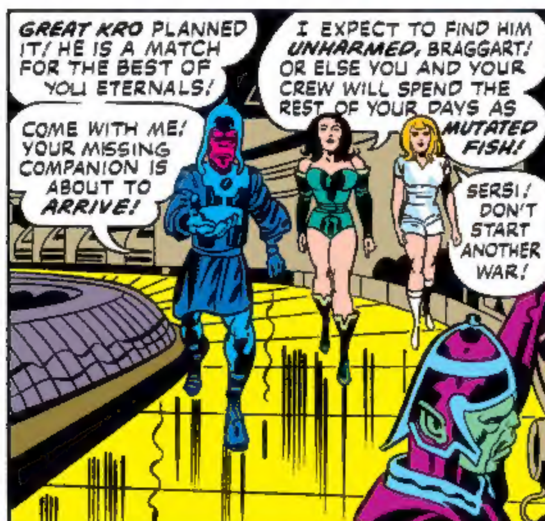
IT IS AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT FOR THE SHIP'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER THE CHAMBER...
FORGIVE US, SIRE! THE SORCERESS HAS--!
SILENCE, FOOL!
THIS IS A SHIP OF FOOLS, DEVIANT! COME IN AND PICK UP A FEW SUGGESTIONS ON "HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR 'I.Q' AND GAIN POPULARITY!"
OH, PLEASE, SERSI! Y-YOU CAN'T ANTAGONIZE THE ENTIRE CREW! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

BEGONE FROM THIS CABIN-- AND GET RID OF THAT MUTATED WEAPON!
Y-YES, SIR!!
THOSE TWO SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED BEFORE WE ARE ALL HUMBLED AS WARRIORS!

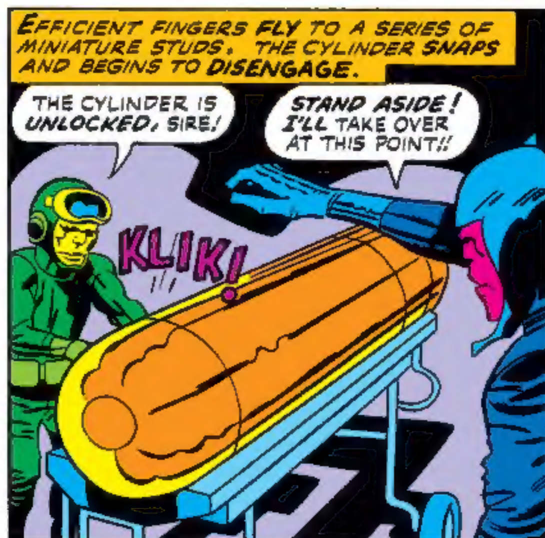
HE'S RIGHT, OF COURSE! BUT FORTUNE HAS TURNED IN YOUR FAVOR! A TRUCE HAS BEEN ARRANGED! YOU'RE TO BE FREED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY!
NOT SO FAST, DEVIANT!!! THERE IS AN ETERNAL WHO IS UNACCOUNTED FOR! YOU KNOW WHO I MEAN!!
IKARIS! WHERE IS IKARIS!?

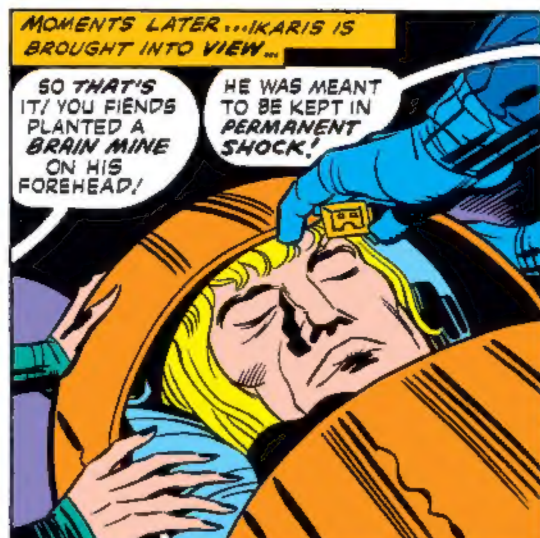

THE DEVIANT ACTIVATES A WALL-SCREEN AND BRINGS AN UNDERSEA RESCUE OPERATION INTO FOCUS!!!
I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE SKIN-DIVERS HAVE TO DO WITH--?
YOU ARE TRULY PERCEPTIVE, SERSI! IKARIS SLEEPS IN THAT CYLINDER!
IT'S THE CYLINDER, MARGO! DON'T YOU SEE WHAT THEY'VE DONE WITH IKARIS!?

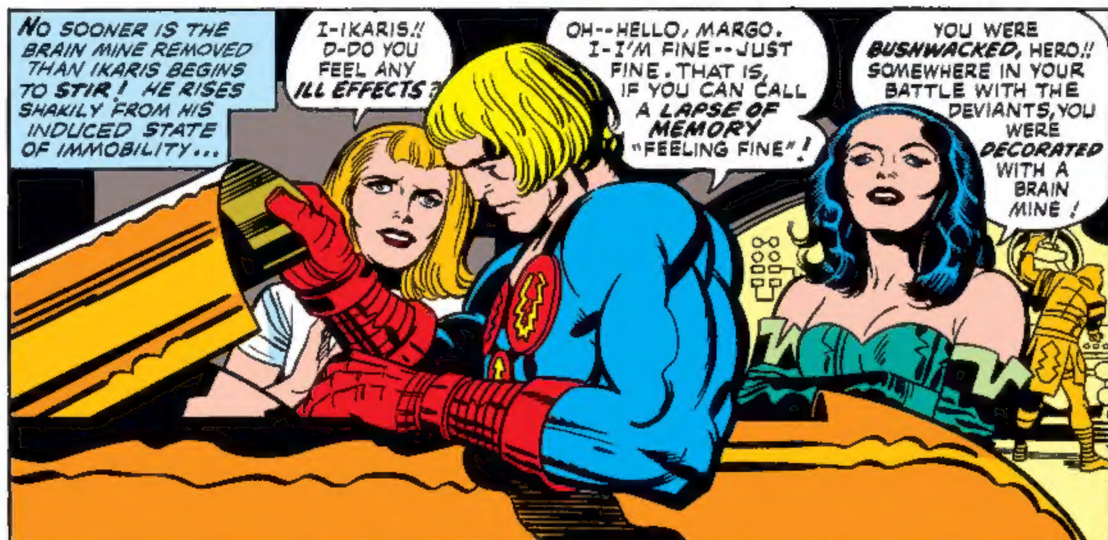

SINCE AN ETERNAL CAN'T BE KILLED WE FOUND A METHOD TO NULLIFY IKARIS FOR ALL TIME!!
VERY CLEVER!! BUT I WARRANT THAT THIS DIABOLICAL IDEA DID NOT SPRING FROM YOUR BRAIN!!
POOR IKARIS!! H-HE WOULD HAVE SLEPT THROUGHOUT ETERNITY!

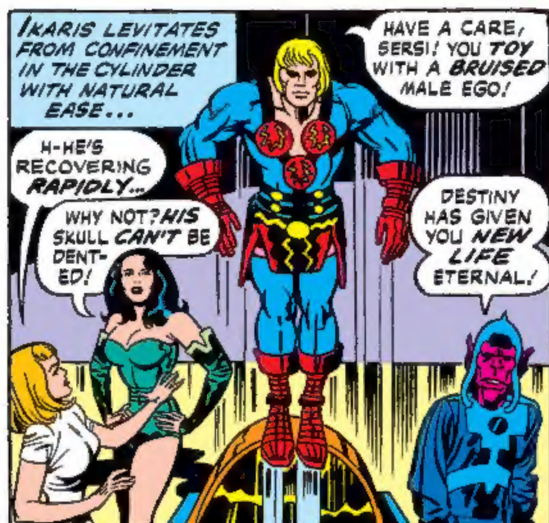

GREAT KRO PLANNED IT! HE IS A MATCH FOR THE BEST OF YOU ETERNALS!
I EXPECT TO FIND HIM UNHARMED, BRAGGART! OR ELSE YOU AND YOUR CREW WILL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DAYS AS MUTATED FISH!
COME WITH ME! YOUR MISSING COMPANION IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE!
SERSI! DON'T START ANOTHER WAR!

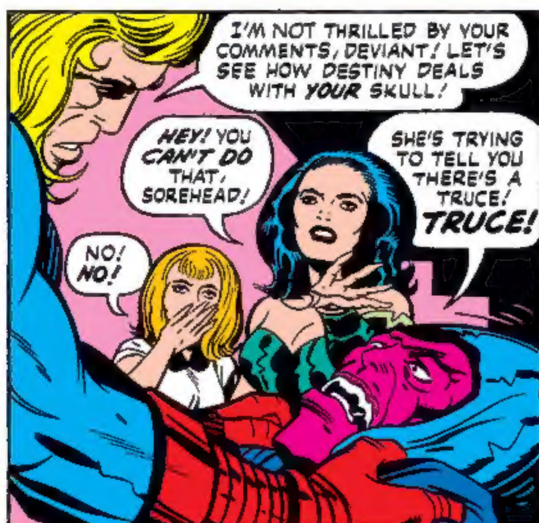

WHEN THE THREE HALT OUTSIDE A DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER, A HATCH SLIDES OPEN TO REVEAL...
VERY WELL! UNLOCK THE CYLINDER!!
WELCOME BACK TO REALITY, IKARIS!
THE PRISONER HAS BEEN RETRIEVED AND PREPARED FOR RELEASE!


EFFICIENT FINGERS FLY TO A SERIES OF MINIATURE STUDS. THE CYLINDER SNAPS AND BEGINS TO DISENGAGE.
THE CYLINDER IS UNLOCKED, SIRE!
STAND ASIDE! I'LL TAKE OVER AT THIS POINT!!
KLIK!


MOMENTS LATER...IKARIS IS BROUGHT INTO VIEW...
SO THAT'S IT! YOU FIENDS PLANTED A BRAIN MINE ON HIS FOREHEAD!
HE WAS MEANT TO BE KEPT IN PERMANENT SHOCK!


NO SOONER IS THE BRAIN MINE REMOVED THAN IKARIS BEGINS TO STIR! HE RISES SHAKILY FROM HIS INDUCED STATE OF IMMOBILITY...
I-IKARIS!! D-DO YOU FEEL ANY ILL EFFECTS?
OH--HELLO, MARGO. I-I'M FINE--JUST FINE. THAT IS, IF YOU CAN CALL A LAPSE OF MEMORY "FEELING FINE"!
YOU WERE BUSHWACKED, HERO!! SOMEWHERE IN YOUR BATTLE WITH THE DEVIANTS, YOU WERE DECORATED WITH A BRAIN MINE!

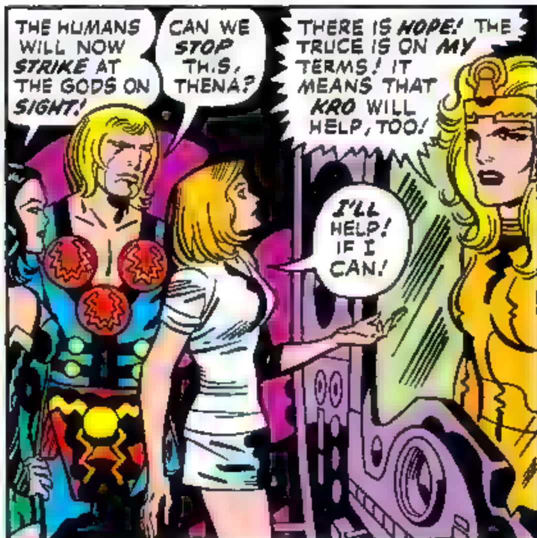

IKARIS LEVITATES FROM CONFINEMENT IN THE CYLINDER WITH NATURAL EASE...
HAVE A CARE, SERSI! YOU TOY WITH A BRUISED MALE EGO!
H-HE'S RECOVERING RAPIDLY...
WHY NOT? HIS SKULL CAN'T BE DENT-ED!
DESTINY HAS GIVEN YOU NEW LIFE ETERNAL!

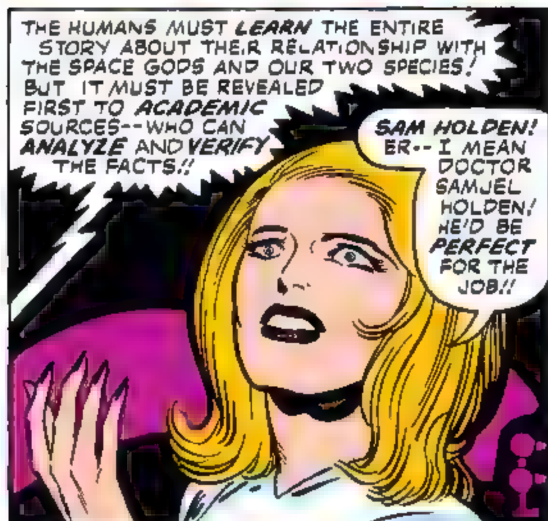

I'M NOT THRILLED BY YOUR COMMENTS, DEVIANT! LET'S SEE HOW DESTINY DEALS WITH YOUR SKULL!
HEY! YOU CAN'T DO THAT, SOREHEAD!
SHE'S TRYING TO TELL YOU THERE'S A TRUCE! TRUCE!
NO! NO!

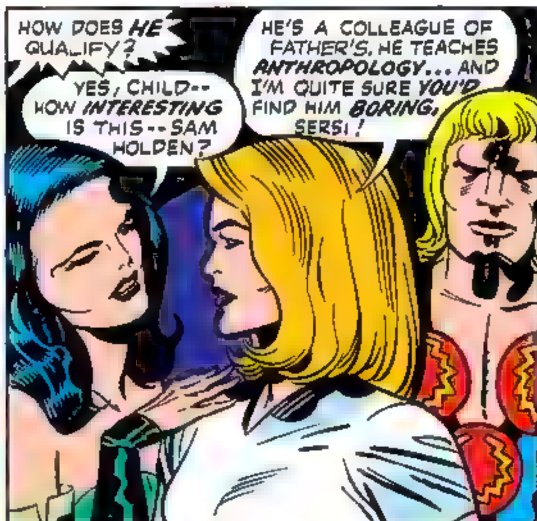

A WALL-SCREEN SUDDENLY FLASHES FAMILIAR IMAGES WITHIN THE CHAMBER...
THIS TRUCE IS OBVIOUSLY A FACT--! WHEN ONE SEES ETERNALS MINGLE WITH DEVIANTS!
CEASE THIS HOSTILITY! OLD FEUDS HAVE NO PLACE IN UNIVERSAL ISSUES!

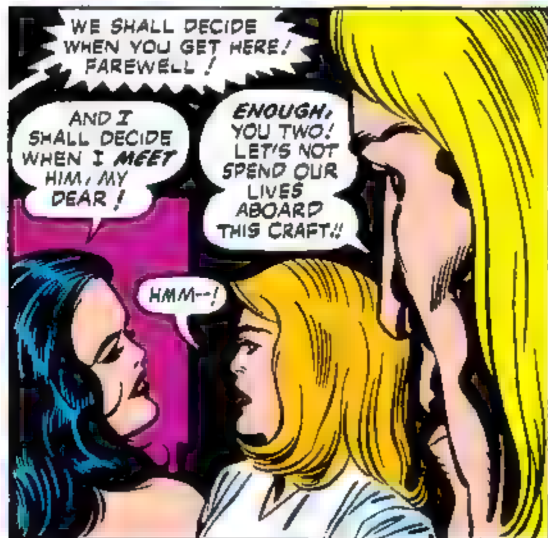

OUR TASK IS TO UNITE ALL OUR SPECIES IN AN EFFORT TO DEAL PEACEFULLY WITH THE SPACE GODS!
CYNICAL KRO FEELS THAT THIS WILL FAIL!
HE FEELS THAT THE HUMANS WILL PANIC AND RESIST THE GODS!

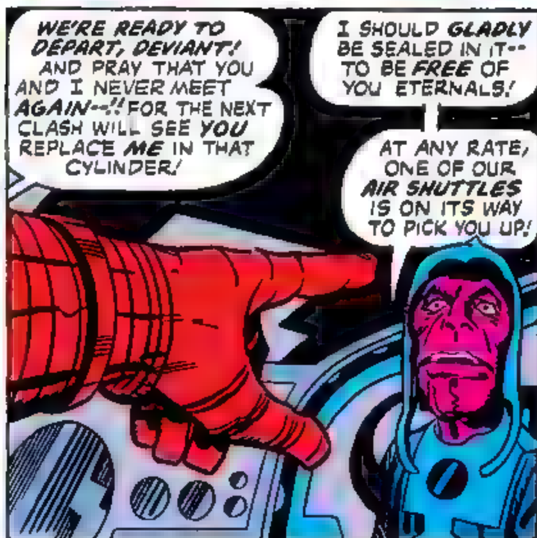

I-I'VE SEEN THE SPACE-GODS! I-I WAS AMONG THE INCA RUINS WHEN I SAW THEIR SPACE SHIP LAND!
THAT'S WHY EVIL KRO ATTACKED THE HUMANS--! TO SET THIS WAR INTO MOTION!
WAR WITH SUCH POWERFUL BEINGS COULD BE CATASTROPHIC FOR HUMANITY!
ONLY THE DEVIANTS WOULD GAIN FROM SUCH A WAR!


THE HUMANS WILL NOW STRIKE AT THE GODS ON SIGHT!
CAN WE STOP THIS, THENA?
THERE IS HOPE! THE TRUCE IS ON MY TERMS! IT MEANS THAT KRO WILL HELP, TOO!
I'LL HELP! IF I CAN!


THE HUMANS MUST LEARN THE ENTIRE STORY ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPACE GODS AND OUR TWO SPECIES! BUT IT MUST BE REVEALED FIRST TO ACADEMIC SOURCES--WHO CAN ANALYZE AND VERIFY THE FACTS!!
SAM HOLDEN! ER--I MEAN DOCTOR SAMUEL HOLDEN! HE'D BE PERFECT FOR THE JOB!!


HOW DOES HE QUALIFY?
YES, CHILD--HOW INTERESTING IS THIS--SAM HOLDEN?
HE'S A COLLEAGUE OF FATHER'S. HE TEACHES ANTHROPOLOGY... AND I'M QUITE SURE YOU'D FIND HIM BORING, SERSI!


WE SHALL DECIDE WHEN YOU GET HERE! FAREWELL!
AND I SHALL DECIDE WHEN I MEET HIM, MY DEAR!
ENOUGH, YOU TWO! LET'S NOT SPEND OUR LIVES ABOARD THIS CRAFT!!
HMM--!


WE'RE READY TO DEPART, DEVIANT! AND PRAY THAT YOU AND I NEVER MEET AGAIN--!! FOR THE NEXT CLASH WILL SEE YOU REPLACE ME IN THAT CYLINDER!
I SHOULD GLADLY BE SEALED IN IT--TO BE FREE OF YOU ETERNALS!
AT ANY RATE, ONE OF OUR AIR SHUTTLES IS ON ITS WAY TO PICK YOU UP!

SOON AFTER, IN SIGHT OF THE NEW YORK SKYLINE, AN AIR SHUTTLE DEPARTS FROM THE HIDDEN UNDERSEA CRAFT, WITH THE FREED ETERNALS...

THE CITY STILL SMOLDERS, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF FIGHTING!

THEN THE TRUCE IS *REALLY* IN EFFECT!

THE DEVIANTS HAVE INFLICTED NO MORE THAN *FRIGHT* AND *PROPERTY DAMAGE*... YET THIS IS AN IMAGE OF DISASTER THE HUMANS WON'T SOON FORGET!!

HUMANS *FEAR* WHAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M CERTAIN THAT LEARNING THE *TRUTH* WILL CALM THEM DOWN!

THE FIRST STEP IS TAKEN THAT NIGHT IN THE OFFICE OF DOCTOR SAMUEL HOLDEN...

MARGO, I STILL FIND IT *DIFFICULT* TO BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU'VE TOLD ME. AND YET, IT *EXPLAINS* THE *FOUNDATION* OF EVERY PREVAILING MYTH!

I PROMISED YOU PROOF, DOCTOR HOLDEN--! *LIVING* PROOF!

THESE PEOPLE YOU'RE GOING TO MEET WILL LEAVE *NO DOUBTS* CONCERNING THE *VALIDITY* OF WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU!

IF THEY LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS, THEIR VERY APPEARANCE WILL *REVOLUTIONIZE* THE FIELD OF *ANTHROPOLOGY!*

ACTUALLY, THEY'RE VERY MUCH LIKE *WE* ARE-- EXCEPT FOR THEIR *UNIQUE* FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT.

I'M READY TO MEET THEM, MARGO! BY JUPITER, I CONSIDER IT A SIGNAL HONOR THAT YOU CHOSE *ME* TO CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH HOMO SAPIENS CAN MEET HIS LONG *LOST* COUSINS FACE TO FACE!

I-I *KNOW* THAT YOU'RE THE MAN FOR THE JOB! THERE'S MORE AT *STAKE* THAN A CRASH COURSE IN *NEW SOCIAL-RELATIONSHIPS...*

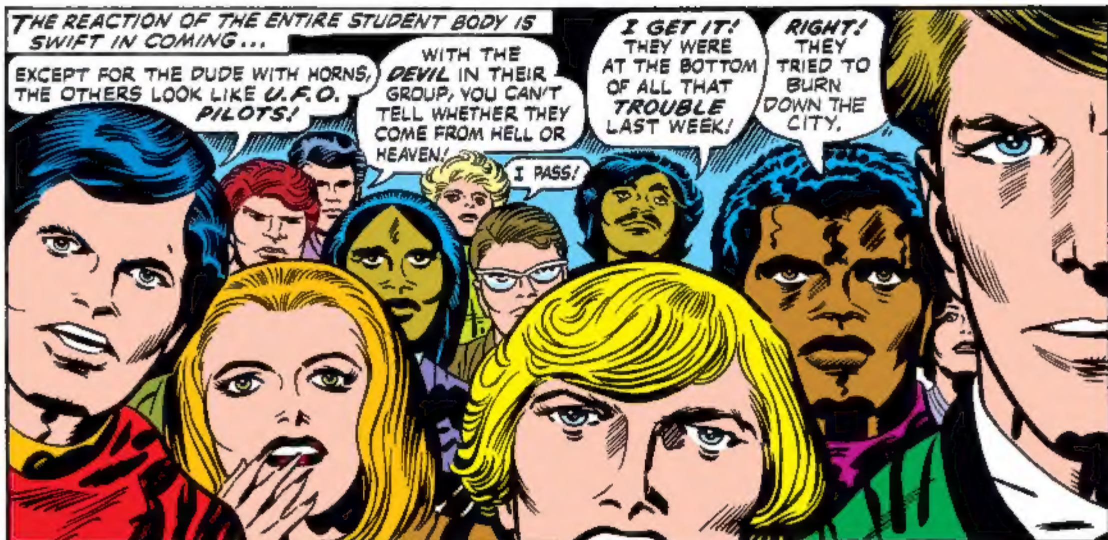
MARGO DAMIAN GESTURES AT THE DOOR. IT IS INDEED THE *MOMENT OF TRUTH* FOR HUMANITY, WHICH HAS LIVED FOR COUNTLESS CENTURIES WITH MYSTERIES IT COULDN'T DEFINE...

IT'S TIME TO BACK UP MY STORY!

COME IN--! ALL OF YOU!

DOCTOR HOLDEN, WE'D LIKE TO *INTRODUCE* OURSELVES--! THUS AN *OPEN DISCOURSE* WITH HUMANS BEGINS!!

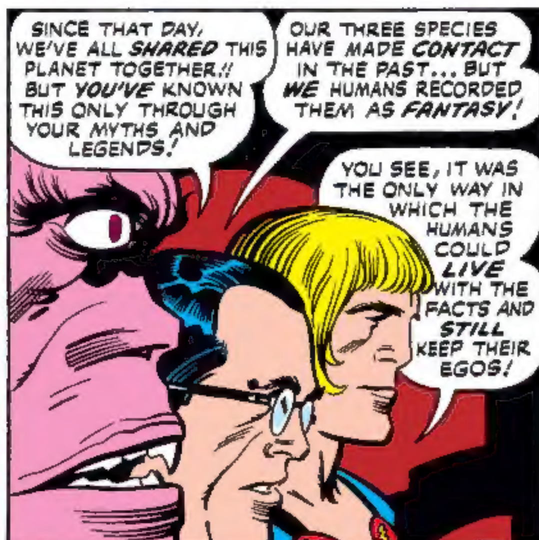

A WEEK PASSES. CLOSED NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLITICAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE FINALLY FOLLOWED BY THE SURPRISE APPEARANCE OF GUESTS AT CITY COLLEGE, AMID A VISIBLE STIR FROM THE ASSEMBLED STUDENTS OF ANTHROPOLOGY...
I'VE GIVEN THIS CLASS THE CHANCE TO STUDY THESE GRACIOUS VISITORS...AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR IMPRESSIONS! EVEN FACETIOUS COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
WOW! WHO ARE THEY?
I DON'T KNOW. THEY LOOK LIKE THE CAST OF SOME NEW MUSICAL!
GOOD DAY TO YOU, HUMANS. WE COME AMONG YOU SCHOLARS IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION!
NAH! THEY DERIDE US! HUMANS RESPECT ONLY THE LASH AND THE FLAME-GUN!
IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF PUT-ON!
HE'LL GET 'EM! WE MUST LOOK ALIEN TO THEM!
WHO CARES! THOSE CHICKS ARE COOL!

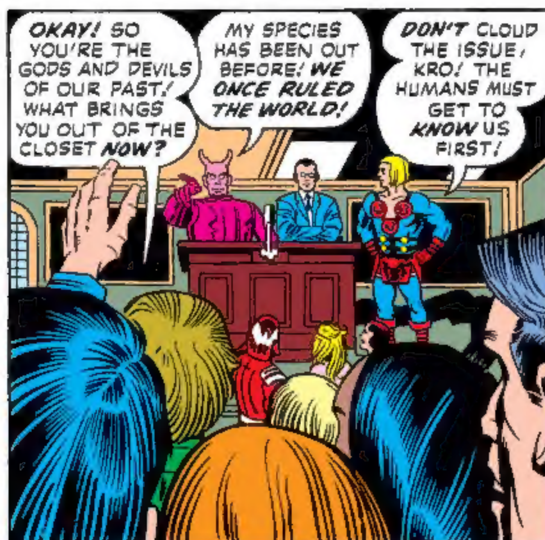

THE REACTION OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY IS SWIFT IN COMING...
EXCEPT FOR THE DUDE WITH HORNS, THE OTHERS LOOK LIKE U.F.O. PILOTS!
WITH THE DEVIL IN THEIR GROUP, YOU CAN'T TELL WHETHER THEY COME FROM HELL OR HEAVEN!
I PASS!
I GET IT! THEY WERE AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL THAT TROUBLE LAST WEEK!
RIGHT! THEY TRIED TO BURN DOWN THE CITY.


A TORRENT OF SPECULATION POURS FORTH, UNTIL...
IS THE SUBJECT OF ANTHROPOLOGY INVOLVED IN THIS VISIT, DOCTOR HOLDEN?
NOW, THAT QUESTION STRIKES CLOSE TO THE MARK!
YES, THESE VISITORS REPRESENT A STARTLING BREAKTHROUGH IN THE STORY OF MAN!!

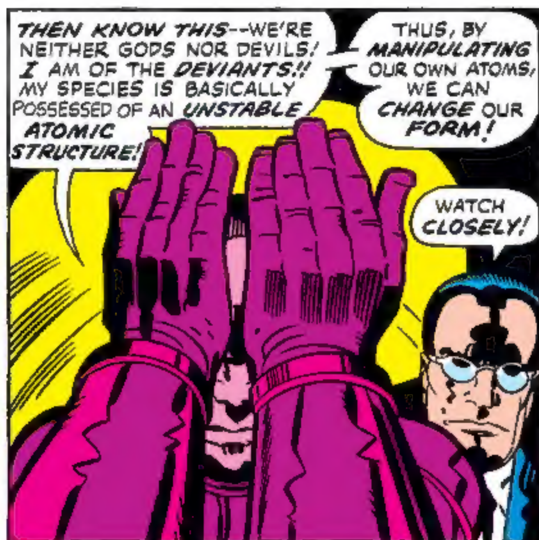

DOCTOR HOLDEN MOTIONS FOR IKARIS AND KRO TO ASCEND THE PLATFORM...
NOW, TO BEGIN THIS DEMONSTRATION, I INVITE THESE TWO GENTLEMEN TO THE PODIUM.
HAVE A CARE, HUMAN! I AM NOT TAKEN IN BY POLITE AIRS!


LOOK WELL UPON THE WORK OF THE AGES, HUMANS!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, YOU SEE BEFORE YOU THREE DIVERGENT SPECIES OF MAN!
IN THE DIM PAST, A COMMON ANCESTOR PRODUCED US ALL!!


SINCE THAT DAY, WE'VE ALL SHARED THIS PLANET TOGETHER!! BUT YOU'VE KNOWN THIS ONLY THROUGH YOUR MYTHS AND LEGENDS!
OUR THREE SPECIES HAVE MADE CONTACT IN THE PAST... BUT WE HUMANS RECORDED THEM AS FANTASY!
YOU SEE, IT WAS THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THE HUMANS COULD LIVE WITH THE FACTS AND STILL KEEP THEIR EGOS!



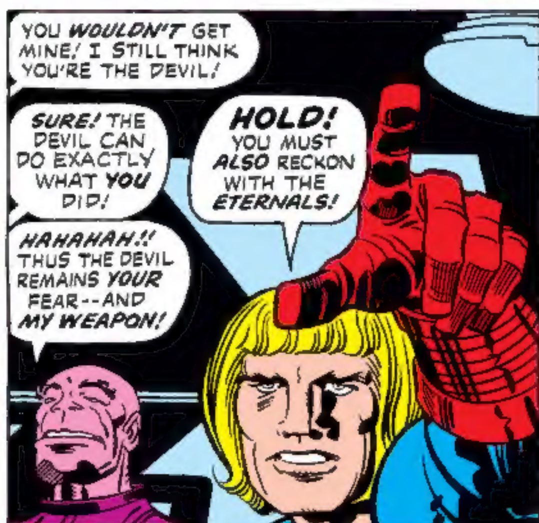
OKAY! SO YOU'RE THE GODS AND DEVILS OF OUR PAST! WHAT BRINGS YOU OUT OF THE CLOSET NOW?
MY SPECIES HAS BEEN OUT BEFORE! WE ONCE RULED THE WORLD!
DON'T CLOUD THE ISSUE, KRO! THE HUMANS MUST GET TO KNOW US FIRST!



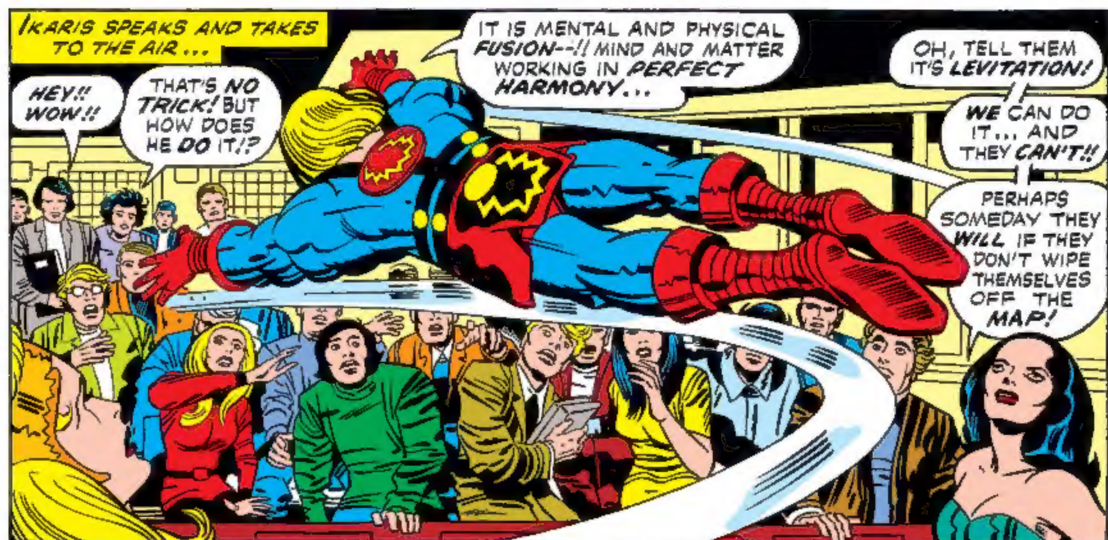
THEN KNOW THIS--WE'RE NEITHER GODS NOR DEVILS! I AM OF THE DEVIANTS!! MY SPECIES IS BASICALLY POSSESSED OF AN UNSTABLE ATOMIC STRUCTURE!
THUS, BY MANIPULATING OUR OWN ATOMS, WE CAN CHANGE OUR FORM!
WATCH CLOSELY!



HIS HORNS! THEY'RE GONE!!!
MORE THAN MAGIC... LESS THAN A MIRACLE! I'M NO LONGER A THREAT! WHY, IF I RAN FOR OFFICE, I DARESAY, I'D GET SOME OF YOUR VOTES!

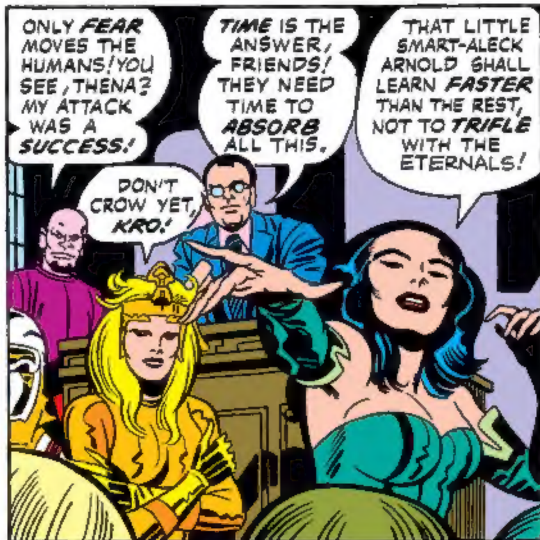


YOU WOULDN'T GET MINE! I STILL THINK YOU'RE THE DEVIL!
SURE! THE DEVIL CAN DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID!
HAHAHAH!! THUS THE DEVIL REMAINS YOUR FEAR--AND MY WEAPON!
HOLD! YOU MUST ALSO RECKON WITH THE ETERNALS!



IKARIS SPEAKS AND TAKES TO THE AIR...
HEY!! WOW!!
THAT'S NO TRICK! BUT HOW DOES HE DO IT!?
IT IS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FUSION--!! MIND AND MATTER WORKING IN PERFECT HARMONY...
OH, TELL THEM IT'S LEVITATION!
WE CAN DO IT... AND THEY CAN'T!!
PERHAPS SOMEDAY THEY WILL IF THEY DON'T WIPE THEMSELVES OFF THE MAP!

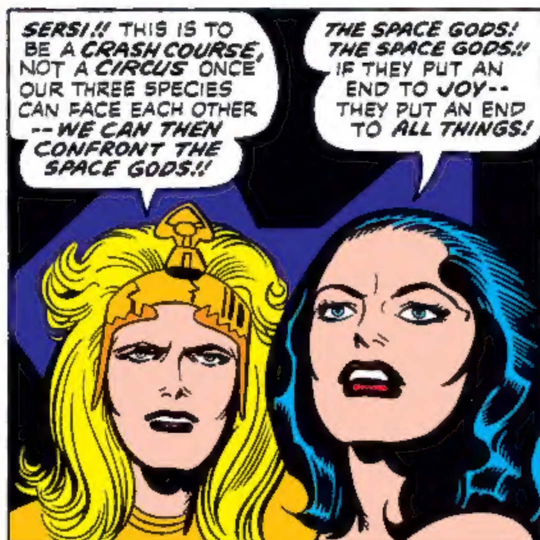

MY NAME IS ARNOLD RADISCH... AND I THINK WE'RE BEING SUBJECTED TO CHEAP GIMMICKRY! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME BELIEVE THIS IS FOR REAL!!
HARD-NOSED HUMANS! THEY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WHAT THEY WANT TO BELIEVE!


ONLY FEAR MOVES THE HUMANS! YOU SEE, THENA? MY ATTACK WAS A SUCCESS!
DON'T CROW YET, KRO!
TIME IS THE ANSWER, FRIENDS! THEY NEED TIME TO ABSORB ALL THIS.
THAT LITTLE SMART-ALECK ARNOLD SHALL LEARN FASTER THAN THE REST, NOT TO TRIFLE WITH THE ETERNALS!


THEN--!!!
LOOK! LOOK AT ARNOLD!!
T-THIS IS A FREAK-OUT!!
SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO GET PERSONAL! I'M ENTITLED TO MY OPINION!!
CRAZY!
HE'S BECOME A SECOND-RATE BEN GRIMM!


HAHAHAHAHA! ARNOLD'S LOST HIS FACE! BUT HE'S GOT HIM-SELF A BETTER ONE!
GO ON-- TOUCH IT, ARNOLD! SEE IF THAT'S FOR REAL!
OMIGOSH!! I-I LOOK LIKE THAT GUY IN THE FANTASTIC FOUR--THE THING!


SERSI IS PETULANT, BUT NOT VINDICTIVE. A WAVE OF HER HAND RESTORES ARNOLD RADISCH TO HIS NONDESCRIPT INDIVIDUALITY...
AS YOU WERE, HUMAN!!
THIS WAS MERELY DONE TO HELP YOU THINK IN DEPTH!
HE DOES HIS BEST THINKING IN THE LOCKER ROOM! HAHAHA!
UHHHH--! MY OLD FACE IS BACK! AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE OTHER ONE TO MY PARENTS!


SERSI!! THIS IS TO BE A CRASH COURSE, NOT A CIRCUS ONCE OUR THREE SPECIES CAN FACE EACH OTHER --WE CAN THEN CONFRONT THE SPACE GODS!!
THE SPACE GODS! THE SPACE GODS!! IF THEY PUT AN END TO JOY-- THEY PUT AN END TO ALL THINGS!

AT THAT MOMENT, HIGH IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS, A GROUP OF AGENTS HAVE BEEN DROPPED, IN ORDER TO SURVEY AN ALIEN STRUCTURE.



THE JOB BEGINS. SURVEILLANCE IS ESTABLISHED AND FURTHER OPERATIONS ARE TO FOLLOW. NICK FURY'S MEN MAKE THEIR FIRST REPORT TO BASE...



BOTH CELESTIAL AND EARTHMAN HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF MOVEMENT BUT THE CELESTIAL DOES IT DIFFERENTLY-- AND FASTER! THE GIANT SHADOW IS UPON THE AGENTS WITH A SUDDEN, STARTLING SWIFTNESS...



GAMMENON, OF THE FOURTH HOST, IS AN AWESOME SIGHT TO BEHOLD! TO ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE HIM IS FRUITLESS! TO FACE HIM IS FRIGHTENING! TO ESCAPE HIM IS IMPOSSIBLE!





THERE ARE FINAL WORDS WHICH END IN A SCREAM! IN THE SILENCE THAT FOLLOWS, ONLY THE WINDS ARE LEFT TO SPEAK FOR MISSING MEN...



NEXT ISSUE:
THE COMING OF--
THE FOURTH HOST